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1. AMBASSADOR SHOULD APPROACH APPROPRIATE PROMINENT AND RESPONSIBLE OPPOSITION LEADERS SUCH AS LEADERSHIP OF INDE, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, ARCHBISHOP, POLITICAL PARTIES AND OTHERS (REF A) TO CALL THEIR ATTENTION TO THE CENTRAL AMERICAN INITIATIVE TO REVIEW AND POSSIBLY MEDIATE A NATIONAL CONSENSUS SOLUTION IN NICARAGUA. AMBASSADOR MAY DRAW ON PREVIOUS REPORTING FOR PURPOSES OF THESE DISCUSSIONS (SEPTEL ON CA INITIATIVE IS BEING SENT TO ALL ARA POSTS).

2. AMBASSADOR SHOULD STRESS THAT USG WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS

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SUCH A CA INITIATIVE AND THAT WE HAVE SO INFORMED CA HEADS OF STATE, INCLUDING PRESIDENT SOMOZA. AMBASSADOR MAY SUGGEST THAT OPPOSITION FIGURES MIGHT WISH TO SUPPORT THE CA EFFORT (AS PERHAPS THE MOST EFFICACIOUS WAY OF SOLVING THE COUNTRY'S URGENT POLITICAL PROBLEMS), AND TO EXPRESS THAT SUPPORT PUBLICLY.

3. IF OPPOSITION LEADERS WERE NOW TO MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY

TOWARDS COALESCING AND IDENTIFYING THOSE AMONG THEMSELVES WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO REPRESENT AND ARTICULATE THE INTERESTS OF THE BROAD OPPOSITION IN ANY POSSIBLE MEDIATION EFFORT WHICH MIGHT TAKE PLACE (REF B), THIS MIGHT FURTHER FACILITATE A RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. IT WOULD ALSO REMOVE ONE OF SOMOZA'S MAIN ARGUMENTS FOR NOT NEGOTIATING, VIZ, HE HAS NO ONE TO NEGOTIATE WITH. AMBASSADOR MAY MAKE THESE POINTS IN HIS DISCUSSIONS.

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